

July/August 2012

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# Learning connection

## *A Gallery of Celebration*



*These photos are from our annual Celebration held June 3, 2012. Center: tables ready with refreshments. Clockwise from upper right: speaker Jamie B.; attendees watch a video about a day in the life at the Learning Center; speaker Ramon G.; speaker Linda P.; Principal Librarian Glynn B. greets guest Shardul P.; speaker Teresa B.*



### Summer Reading Program Winners:

**Week 1: Lilia Z.**

**Week 2: Kathya C.**

**Week 3: Jose Z.**

This programs continues until August 3, so stop by the Help Desk to find out how you can participate.

## Book Club —by Nyla H.



Are you hesitant to join our Book Club? I sure was until I tried it.

In the past I have always come up with excuses to not attend. All this time I thought I would be put on the spot to read in front of a group of people that I did not know, which is my number one fear.

Once I attended, I learned that there is no on-the-spot reading. Instead, we get together and talk about what we liked, disliked, and what we learned from the book. Each person has a different idea about what they have learned and read from the same book. As a Book Club member, I discovered that I learned more about the book from being part of a group discussion.

So if you have that fear of being put on the spot, put that to the side and come join us at the Book Club.

Tutors, encourage your learners to come and check out the Book Club.

**Elmer R.** – magazines

**Lee R.** – magazines

**Adama D.** – audio CD

**Deanna W.** – snacks

**Lisa F.** – cupcakes

**Leslie R.** – toffee

**Sandi M.** – pie

**Jim B.** – book donations, snacks

**Louise D.** – box of chocolates

**Phyllis J.** – chocolates

**Elva M.** – flowers, cookies, K-Cups

**Phyllis K.** – cookies

**Nyla H.** – supplies for workshop, photo paper, writing paper

**Joyce F.** – fruit and snacks for workshop

**Mayra T.** – assorted teas

**Judy W.** – snacks

**Phylicia C.** – paper goods, office supplies

**Sherrie L.** – homemade brownies

**Marielle C.** – magazine

**Chikage K.** – flowers

**Donna C.** – homemade treats

**Serena S.** – greeting cards

**Jaime M.** – books

**Mariana R.** – flowers

**Fatima E.** – book

**Carrie S.** – composition books, computer cleaning kit, cookies

**Betty G.** – cookies, plates, napkins, magazines

**Alejandrina R.** – flowers



## Computer and Account Security

—by Jamie B. with help from Steve P.

Note: Jamie has shared information on products that have worked for him.  
We encourage you to research products that meet your needs before buying.

Here are two programs I like to help secure your computer and a few rules to help secure your accounts. Both programs have FREE versions (for personal use) that work great. However, if you buy a subscription, you get more options.

### Program one

#### **SUPERAntiSpyware**

[www.superantispyware.com](http://www.superantispyware.com)

This program will help remove malice software, tool bars, and cookies that are tracking your internet usage and may steal your username and passwords. This software is considered the best AntiSpyware by many reviewers.

### Program two

#### **Avast! Antivirus**

[www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com)

This program requires registration for FREE usage and yearly free re-registration. This software protects against viruses and allows remote access in case you cannot fix the problem yourself. You can have a friend or a professional access your computer through the internet and diagnose your problem.

### Securing your Accounts

1. Use a strong password combining upper and lower case letters, numbers, and symbols. A strong password does not contain any words in a dictionary and/or dates that are special like birthdates, anniversaries, or graduations. Also, do not use nicknames or pet names. A weak password like 12345iamcute can be guessed easily by anyone using a dictionary hacking program to guess the password.
2. Do not give out your password to anyone. If someone says, "Oh you don't trust me," tell them it is not an issue of trust. It is an issue of personal security.
3. Avoid using public computers or public unsecure wireless connections (WIFI) to access your personal information or accounts.

In closing, I hope this information will provide you with a better understanding of computer and account security. If you need free tech support, try [www.techguy.org](http://www.techguy.org). It may take a little time to get a response, but they are great people who love helping others. I wish you luck.

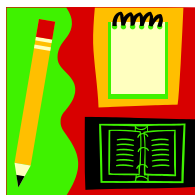
For all you computer users, remember that you can receive the **Learning Connection by e-mail**. Some of the benefits are:

- You have the newsletter as soon as it comes out—you don't have to wait until you come to the Learning Center.
- You can click on active links in the publication that will take you directly to valuable resources on the Internet.

Just ask any member of the staff to add your e-mail address to the list.



## Look What's New for Fall 2012



### Writing

In October 2012 we will produce the first issue of *Publish Yourself!*, a publication written entirely by

learners. Topics are not limited, but the publication will be widely distributed to all Literacy Services participants and posted on our Web site, so content should be chosen carefully.

Submit articles to any staff member. The article should have the name of the learner submitting it, but they have a choice of publishing with a by-line of —Anonymous or —Firstname L.

Summer activities make a great subject for writing, and articles should be submitted by September 15. Ask any member of the staff if you have questions.



### Reading

We recently completed cataloging many of the books in our collection according to Lexile levels. The Lexile framework helps a reader find reading material at an appropriate level of difficulty.

In September we will offer many resources to help you use the Lexile levels:

- Assessment of individual learners who would like to know their own Lexile level.
- A list of books at the Lexile level appropriate for each learner.
- A display featuring examples of books at different Lexile levels.
- A class to explain how to use Lexile levels to find reading materials in our collection.

## Attendance Stars

*Congratulations to these pairs who have at least 50 of hours attendance so far in 2012. They are on track to reach the goal of 100 hours for the year. If you are not on this list, talk with your learning partner to find ways to improve your attendance. And remember that staff members are available to help you meet your goals.*



Bill L./Paula A.

Barbara S./Leon B.

Ginny G./Ljiljana C.

Elmer R./Daniel C.

Sandi M./Carmen C.

Lory M./Aurelia D.

Ben R./Gloria D.

Lynne R./Adama D.

Shirley B./Lee E.

Ana H./Javier G.

Sherrie L./Hui G.

Chris S./Gary H.

Louise D./Nyla H.

Theresa B./Claudia J.

Anthony R./Chikage K.

Ein D./Mellalia K.

Sandy Z./Catalina L.

Diane H./Elena M.

Mary Lou S./Elva M.

Teresa B./Nieves M.

Bruce M./Linda P.

Amanda K./Mariana R.

Phyllis K./Alejandrina R.

Mike W./Richard S.

Nancy F./Robert T.

Jim B./Beijing Y.

Marie T./Lilia Z.

Linda T./Jose Z.